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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to a method of synthesizing of a speech signal, comprising:- assigning of a first identifier to a first class of intervals of an original speech signal and assigning of a second identifier to a second class of intervals of the original speech signal,- windowing the original speech signal to provide a number of pitch bells,- processing the pitch bells having the first identifier assigned thereto for modifying a duration of the speech signal,- performing an overlap and add operation on the processed pitch bells.

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